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P.O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88241-1980

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Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department **OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

Form C-107-A New 3-12-96

<u>DISTRICT II</u>

2040 S. Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6429

APPROVAL PROCESS:

811 South First St., Artesia, NM 88210-2835 **DISTRICT III**

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1000 Rio Brazos Rd, Aztec, NM 87410-1693

San Juan 27-5 Unit

Burlington Resources Oil and Gas

#52

APPLICATION FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING

Address

M-04-27N-05W

EXISTING WELLBORE X_YES __NO

Rio Arriba

he following facts are submitted n support of downhole ommingling:	Upper Zone	Intermediate Zone	Lower Zone
. Pool Name and Pool Code	Tapacito Pictured Cliffs-85920		Blanco Mesaverde - 72319
. Top and Bottom of Pay Section (Perforations)	3464'-3510'		5220'-5722'
. Type of production (Oil or Gas)	Gas		Gas
. Method of Production (Flowing or Artificial Lift)	Flowing		Flowing
. Bottomhole Pressure Dil Zones - Artificial Lift: Estimated Current	(Current) a. 315 psi (see attachment)		a. 476 psi (see attachment)
as & Oil - Flowing: Measured Current III Gas Zones: stimated Original	(Original) b. 1227psi (see attachment)		b. 1294 psi (see attachment
. Oil Gravity (°API) or Gas BTU Content	BTU 1168		BTU 1198
. Producing or Shut-In?	Producing		Producing
Production Marginal? (yes or no)	Yes		Yes
If Shut-In and oil/gas/water rates of last production ote: For new zones with no production history, pplicant shall be required to attach production timates and supporting data	Date: N/A Rates:		Date: N/A Rates:
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Fixed Percentage Allocation Formula -% for each zone (total of %'s to equal 100%)	Will be supplied upon completion.		Will be supplied upon completion.
If allocation formula is based submit attachments with suppo	upon something other than cur orting data and/or explaining me	rent or past production, or is thod and providing rate project	based upon some other motors or other required data.
. Are all working, overriding, and If not, have all working, overrid		commingled zones? notified by certified mail?	Yes X_No _Yes X_No _X_YesNo

I hereby certify that the information-above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. _TITLE__Production Engineer__DATE__06-07-98_ TYPE OR PRINT NAME L. Tom Loveland ___TELEPHONE NO. (_505_) 326-9700

14. If this well is on, or communitized with, state or federal lands, either the Commissioner of Public Lands or the United States Bureau of Land Management has been notified in writing of this application. _X_Yes ___ No

13. Will the value of production be decreased by commingling? ___ Yes _X_ No (If Yes, attach explanation)

16. ATTACHMENTS:

* C-102 for each zone to be commingled showing its spacing unit and acreage dedication.

* Production curve for each zone for at least one year. (If not available, attach explanation.)

* For zones with no production history, estimated production rates and supporting data.

* Data to support allocation method or formula.

* Notification list of all offset operators.

* Notification list of working, overriding, and royalty interests for uncommon interest cases.

* Any additional statements, data, or documents required to support commingling.

15. NMOCD Reference Cases for Rule 303(D) Exceptions: ORDER NO(S). R-10694

Well Location and Acreage Dedication Plat

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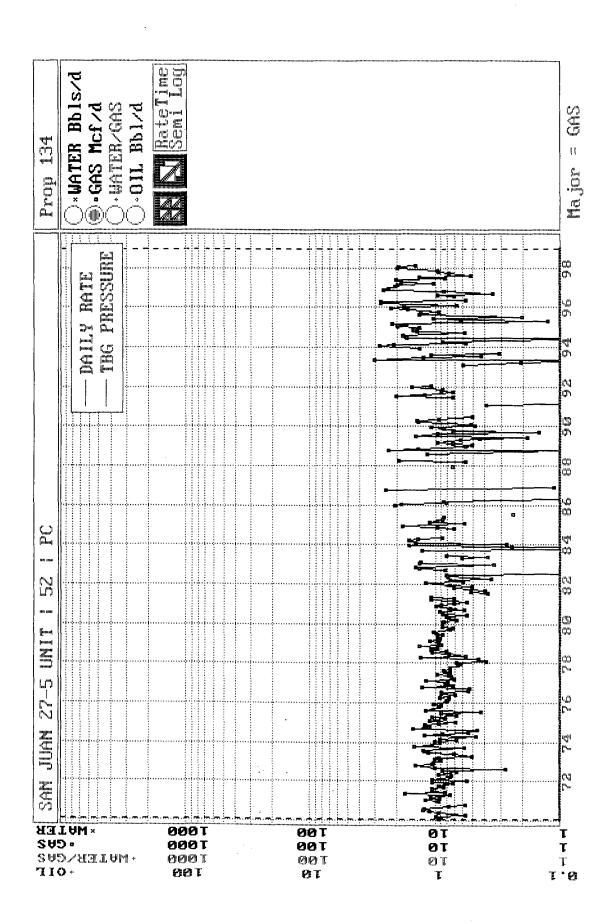
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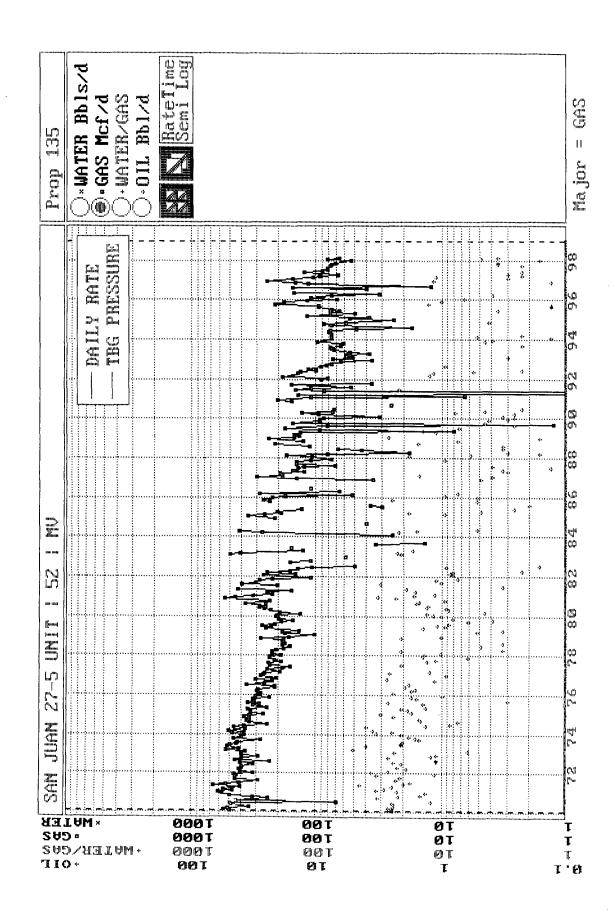
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San Juan 27-5 Unit #52 **Bottom Hole Pressures** Flowing and Static BHP **Cullender and Smith Method**

Version 1.0 1/14/98

Pictured Cliffs	Mesa Verde
PC-Current	MV-Current
GAS GRAVITY COND. OR MISC. (C/M) %N2 %CO2 %H2S DIAMETER (IN) DEPTH (FT) SURFACE TEMPERATURE (DEG F) BOTTOMHOLE TEMPERATURE (DEG F) FLOWRATE (MCFPD) SURFACE PRESSURE (PSIA) BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE (PSIA) 314.7	GAS GRAVITY 0.691 COND. OR MISC. (C/M) C %N2 0.21 %CO2 1.03 %H2S 0 DIAMETER (IN) 2.375 DEPTH (FT) 5471 SURFACE TEMPERATURE (DEG F) 60 BOTTOMHOLE TEMPERATURE (DEG F) 149 FLOWRATE (MCFPD) 0 SURFACE PRESSURE (PSIA) 416 BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE (PSIA) 476.1
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10/31/66	1120000	643.0	
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05/20/68	1328000	673.0	
05/23/69	1480015	595.0	
06/19/70	1665843	558.0	
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05/31/82	2996762	460.0	
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05/10/89	3273077	472.0	
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Package Preparation Volume Data

DPNo: 53383B SAN JUAN 27-5 UNIT Form: MV Supt: 60 KEN RAYBON FF: 335 LARY BYARS MS: 378 GARY NELSON Pipeline: WFS Plunger: No Dual: Yes Compressor: No Ownership (No Trust) Prior Year **Current Year** <u>Gas</u> **Days** <u>Days</u> <u>On</u> <u>On</u> GWI: 67.4570% 64.6688% MCF/M **BOPM** MCF/M **BOPM** GNI: 56.8126% 54.6845% 4,702 9.0 31 Jan 2,344 15.0 31 3,241 Feb 34.0 28 1,987 11.0 28 **Volumes** Mar 2,822 7.0 1,621 31 11.0 31 (Days On) **MCFD BOPD** Apr 2,003 9.0 0 0.0 30 7 Day Avg 0 0.0 May 3,835 7.0 31 0 0.0 0 30 Day Avg 77 0.1 Jun 2,736 0.0 30 0 0.0 0 0.2 0.0 60 Day Avg 64 Jul 2,431 31 0 0.0 0 3 Mo Avg 66 0.4 Aug 2,480 1.0 31 0 0.0 0 67 0.4 2,359 7.0 0 6 Mo Avg Sept 30 0.0 0 12 MoAvg 77 0.2 Oct 2,284 11.0 27 0 0.0 0 11.0 Nov 2,112 30 0 0.0 0 5.0 0 **Volumes** Dec 1,568 31 0.0 0 (Days in Month) **MCFD BOPD** Total 32,573 101.0 5,952 37.0 30 Day Avg 77 0.1 60 Day Avg 64 0.2 **Print Form** 3 Mo Avg 66 0.4 6 Mo Avg 65 0.4 **Exit Volumes Data** 76 0.2 12 Mo Avg

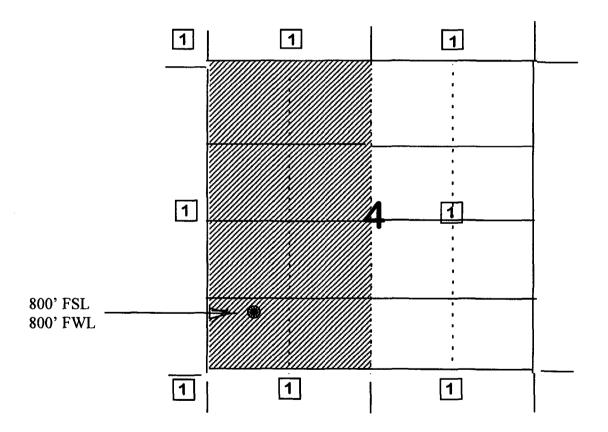
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BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL AND GAS COMPANY

San Juan 27-5 Unit #52

Offset Operator/Owner Plat Pictured Cliffs / Mesaverde Formations Commingle Well

Township 27 North, Range 5 West



1) Burlington Resources

						
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San Juan 27-5 Unit #52 Sec. 4, T27N, R5W Pictured Cliffs/Mesaverde

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 11626 ORDER NO. R-10694

APPLICATION OF BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS COMPANY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING "REFERENCE CASE" FOR ITS SAN JUAN 27-5 UNIT PURSUANT TO DIVISION RULE 303.E AND THE ADOPTION OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES THEREFOR, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on October 17 and November 7, 1996, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiners David R. Catanach and Michael E. Stogner, respectively.

NOW, on this 12th day of November, 1996, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) The applicant, Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company (Burlington), pursuant to the provisions of Division Rule 303.E., seeks to establish a downhole commingling "reference case" to provide exceptions for (a) marginal economic criteria, (b) pressure criteria, (c) allocation formulas and (d) modification of notification rules on a unit-wide basis for downhole commingling of Dakota, Mesaverde, Fruitland Coal and Pictured Cliffs gas production within existing or future drilled wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (3) Division Rule No. 303.E., amended by Order No. R-10470-A, currently states:

"If sufficient data exists on a lease, pool, formation, geographic area, etc., so as to render it unnecessary to repeatedly provide such data on Form C-107-A, an operator may except any of the various criteria required under Paragraph 303.D. of this rule by establishing a "reference case". The Division, upon its own motion, or by application from an operator, may establish "reference cases" either administratively or by hearing. Upon Division approval of such "reference cases" for specific criteria, subsequent applications to downhole commingle (Form C-107-A) will be required only to cite the Division order number which established such exceptions and shall not be required to submit data for those criteria."

- (4) The applicant is the current operator of the San Juan 27-5 Unit which encompasses some 23,043 acres in Township 27 North, Range 5 West, NMPM. San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (5) Within the San Juan 27-5 Unit, the applicant currently operates one hundred and one (101) Basin-Dakota Gas Pool wells, one hundred and five (105) Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool wells, eighty-seven (87) South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs and Tapacito-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool wells, and four (4) Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool wells.
 - (6) According to its evidence and testimony, Burlington seeks to:
 - a) establish a "reference case" for marginal economic criteria in the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations whereby these formations and/or pools may be identified as "marginal" on Form C-107-A's subsequently filed for wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit. The applicant further proposes that the data provided in the immediate case serve as supplemental data or confirmation that these formations and/or pools should be classified as "marginal";
 - b) establish a "reference case" for pressure criteria in the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations whereby the Division may utilize data provided in the immediate case to verify the pressure data provided on Form C-107-A's subsequently filed for wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit;

- establish a "reference case" whereby the Division utilizes the data presented in the immediate case to endorse or approve certain methods of allocating production whereby the applicant need not submit additional data or justification when proposing a certain method of allocating production on Form C-107-A's subsequently filed for wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit; and,
- d) establish a "reference case" or an administrative procedure for authorizing the downhole commingling of existing or future drilled wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit without additional notice to each affected interest owner as required by Division Rule No. 303.D.
- (7) In support of its request to except marginal economic criteria, the applicant presented geologic and engineering evidence and testimony which indicates that within the San Juan 27-5 Unit:
 - a) the structure and thickness of the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations are very consistent;
 - b) the average recoverable Dakota and Pictured Cliffs gas reserves underlying an undeveloped drill block are approximately 583 MMCFG and 426 MMCFG, respectively;
 - c) the average initial producing rate for a newly drilled or recompleted Dakota and Pictured Cliffs gas well is approximately 393 MCFGD and 63 MCFGD, respectively; and,
 - d) the estimated ultimate gas recoveries and initial producing rates from the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations are insufficient to justify drilling stand alone wells and/or dually completed wells to recover such gas reserves.
- (8) The evidence and testimony presented by the applicant indicates that the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations within the San Juan 27-5 Unit should be properly classified as "marginal".
- (9) In support of its request to except pressure criteria within the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations within the San Juan 27-5 Unit, the applicant presented engineering evidence and testimony which indicates that:

- a) the average shut-in bottomhole pressure within the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations at the time of initial development were approximately 3,141 psi and 1,118 psi, respectively; and.
- b) the average current shut-in bottomhole pressure within the Dakota and Pictured Cliffs formations are approximately 1.032 psi and 441 psi, respectively.
- (10) There is sufficient pressure data available within the San Juan 27-5 Unit so as to except pressure criteria as proposed by the applicant.
- (11) The applicant testified that various allocation methods will be utilized for downhole commingled wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit depending on the circumstances. Some of the methods and circumstances are described as follows:
 - a) the subtraction method will likely be utilized in those instances involving the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool and in those instances where a zone with a well established decline rate is commingled with a newly completed zone;
 - b) a fixed allocation formula will be utilized in those instances where production history for both zones is available, or in those instances where newly completed zones are tested and stabilized flow rates obtained.
- (12) The allocation methods proposed by the applicant are routinely utilized by industry and approved by the Division and therefore the proposal to except allocation formulas should be approved.
- (13) In support of its request to establish a "reference case" or administrative procedure for providing notice within the San Juan 27-5 Unit the applicant presented evidence and testimony which indicates that:
 - a) the interest ownership between two zones within a given wellbore in the San Juan 27-5 Unit is generally not common;
 - b) pursuant to Division Rule No. 303.D., applicant is currently required to notify all interest owners within the San Juan 27-5 Unit every time a Form C-107-A is submitted to the Division. There is a considerable number of such interest owners within the unit:

- c) providing notice to each interest owner within the San Juan 27-5 Unit of subsequent downhole comminglings is unnecessary and is an excessive burden on the applicant;
- d) the downhole commingling of wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit Area will benefit working, royalty, and overriding royalty interest owners. In addition, the downhole commingling of wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit should not violate the correlative rights of any interest owner:
- e) no interest owner appeared at the hearing in opposition to the establishment of a "reference case" or administrative procedure for notice.
- (14) An administrative procedure should be established within the San Juan 27-5 Unit for obtaining approval for subsequent downhole commingled wells without notice to Unit interest owners, provided however that, all other provisions contained within Division Rule No. 303.C. are complied with.
- (15) Approval of the proposed "reference cases" for marginal economic criteria, pressure criteria, allocation formulas and notice will lessen the burden on the applicant insofar as providing the data required pursuant to Division Rule No. 303.D. and Form C-107-A, will provide the applicant a streamlined method for obtaining downhole commingling approvals within the San Juan 27-5 Unit, and will not violate correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The application of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company to establish a "reference case" for (a) marginal economic criteria, (b) pressure criteria, (c) allocation formulas and (d) modification of notification rules on a unit-wide basis for downhole commingling of Dakota, Mesaverde, Fruitland Coal and Pictured Cliffs gas production within existing or future drilled wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit, San Juan County, New Mexico, is hereby approved.

- (2) Upon filing of Division Form No. C-107-A's for wells subsequently downhole commingled within the San Juan 27-5 Unit Area, the applicant shall not be required to submit supporting data to justify the classification of the Pictured Cliffs and Dakota formations as "marginal", supporting data to verify the Pictured Cliffs and Dakota pressure information provided, and support or justification for utilizing a given method or formula for allocation of production, provided however, in the event any of the data described above appearing on Form C-107-A appears to be beyond the data range provided in this case, the Division may require the submittal of additional supporting data.
- (3) In order to obtain Division authorization to downhole commingle wells within the San Juan 27-5 Unit, the applicant shall file a Form C-107-A with the Santa Fe and Aztec Offices of the Division. Such application shall contain all the information required under Rule No. 303.C. of the Division Rules and Regulations, provided however that the applicant shall not be required to provide notice to all interest owners within the San Juan 27-5 Unit of such proposed commingling.
- (4) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

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